Modification in sports Guidelines

1428. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state

(a) whether Government are considering to modify the Guidelines for Sport specially with reference to Selection Committee; and

(b) what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA): (a) and (b) The Department is in the process of consultation an dialogue with sports bodies and their representatives on major issues they may wish to raise, including those, if any, concerning Selection Committee.

Enactment of a law for obtaining clearance from environmental angle

1429. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to enact a law to make it compulsory for private and public sector project to get sanction and permission from Environment point of view; and

(b) if so, the details thereof; and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) and (b) A proposal is under consideration to make the environmental clearance of private and public sector projects of specified categories mandatory under the provisions of the existing Environment (Protection) Act, 1986. No new law is proposed to be enacted for this purpose. Depending upon the size of investment, the projects will be assessed for clearance either at the State level or at the Central level.

Discontinuation of hot link between COAST Guard Headquarters at New Delhi and COAST Guard District Headquarter at Haldia

1430. SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD. Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the hot-link which existed between Coast Guard Headquarters in New Delhi and the Coast Guard District Headquarters at Haldia port, has been discontinued;

(b) whether it is also a fact that it served as a significant link between the Coast Guard New Delhi and connected Defence units at Haldia, especially when the telephone links are generally found out of order or too busy: and

(c) if so, the reasons for discontinuing the hot link, and whether it is proposed to restore the hot link especially in view of its strategic importance?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (DR. RAJA RAMANNA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir. The hot-line linked Coast Guard Headquarters at New Delhi with the Coast Guard District Headquarter at Haldia and not with any other Defence unit at Haldia.

(c) The hot link was not proving cost effective due to its poor operational availability. There is no proposal to restore this hot-line as the Coast Guard District Headquarters at Haldia is being administratively and operationally controlled directly by the Coast Guard Regional Headquarter (East) at Madras.

Hotel in Goa violating the norms from environment angle

1431. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state: